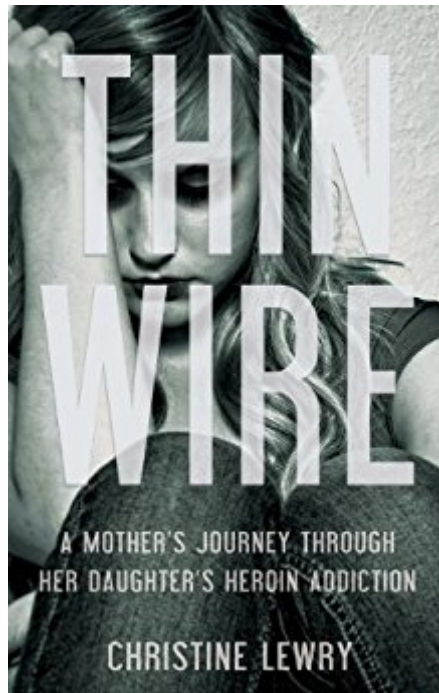


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# Thin Wire: A Mother's Journey Through Her Daughter's Heroin Addiction



## Synopsis

Thin Wire is an honest and intimate account of heroin addiction told by both mother and daughter. Amber is introduced to drugs and becomes addicted without her mother's knowledge. She meets a dealer who feeds her habit. Whilst living together, they are raided by the police. Bailed to her mother's address with a £200-a-day addiction, Amber doesn't think her family will accept her back when they discover the truth. When she's charged by the police with dealing class A drugs and accepting stolen goods, she fears she'll go to prison. Trying to feed her habit alone, Amber meets a fellow addict who offers to introduce her to prostitution. The prospect terrifies her, but will her mother help her? An unflinching story that looks at drug addiction from two sides. The book's concluding section offers two sets of personal guidelines; one for addicts, the other for parents or partners of addicts, while the in-depth, harrowing real life story vividly illustrates the difficulties of overcoming addiction. In a society where 50% of teenagers experiment with drugs, Amber is every mother's child. She could be yours.

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It's probably harsh, but having dealt with addicts in my own life, the reaction of the family was extremely disappointing. Instead of trying to find help (or even educating themselves) the family

gives the daughter an ultimatum -- stop using or live somewhere else -- which doesn't work. Shock!! know that it's hard to know what to do and everyone wants to help their children, but this family just seemed in shambles... they kept letting their daughter back in the family home (with other children) on vague promises. Not that the daughter didn't WANT to be clean, but heroin is not like quitting cigarettes. You can't just say "no" and hold out for a few days and then everything is okay. Lewry seemed to never learn that lesson, even while taking her daughter to various hotels and vacation spots to detox and 'clean up' -- which never solves the problem. And yet the parents never seemed to learn. This cycle is repeated multiple times and Lewry admits to giving her daughter valium and other prescription drugs to help her kick heroin (again, it doesn't work like that). It seems like this family was just hoping Amber would go away (totally understandable if you've had an addict in your home) and looked the other way while she was dealing drugs with her boyfriend and didn't want to face reality, even when Amber is arrested. Instead of allowing her to be punished (and possibly get clean) they bail her out yet again and bring her home - to lie, cheat, and steal from her family AGAIN. Like I said, I understand how hard it is to help an addict, but this family never seemed to do any of the "basics" like asking for medical help or going to AA/NA/Al Anon, etc. All in all, this book is a helpful WHAT NOT TO DO if you find out your child is using drugs. DON'T be passive.

Christine Lewry's debut, *Thin Wire*, is a private, emotional roller-coaster story from hell. A story every parent fears and a story no one wants to happen to them, their children, family members or friends. *Thin Wire* is written from two points of view: that of Christine's and Amber's. Their lives are exposed for the world to view: a life full of raw emotions and feelings. As a young single mother, Christine, did what others had done and are still doing today: working outside the home to take care of a child. As time goes by and the child, Amber, began to act out, her actions were taken as a "naughty child," not a child screaming for help. Once Christine married and had other children, Amber started to feel left out. Because of Amber's attitude and behavior, Christine was content to let her go her own way. Perhaps even thinking that she could do nothing about the situation and if Amber really needed her, she would let Christine know. All the while neither realizing what was missing from the mother/daughter relationship: communication. The fight for Amber to overcome her addiction to heroin was a powerful battle. Powerful in fact that Christine would do almost anything to help her daughter get clean and to gain back her health. Powerful in the fact that the drug had its hooks into Amber so strong she could not get free by herself. Even though the battle against heroin was raging around them, life had to go on with everyday happenings: other family members needs and wants and work. To feel normal is nearly impossible when one is dealing with dishonesty,

distrust, and theft on a daily basis.

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